

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: **Best et al.** § Group Art Unit: **2163**  
Serial No.: **10/697,899** § Examiner: **Ho, Binh Van**  
Filed: **October 30, 2003** § Confirmation No.: **9243**  
For: **Method and Apparatus for** § Attorney Docket No.: **AUS920030792US1**  
**Increasing Efficiency of Data**  
**Storage in a File System**

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

No fees are believed to be required. If, however, any fees are required, I authorize the Commissioner to charge these fees which may be required to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447. No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is required, the extension is requested, and I authorize the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447.

In response to the Office Action of July 8, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.